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HEALTH CARE LAW EXPERIENCE

As a practicing attorney has represented a variety of healthcare entities, including professional associations, medical device manufacturers, a major drug wholesaler and a number of providers. Has advised a hospital in judicial review committee proceedings, advocated on behalf of clients in a wide range of litigation matters and, since becoming a sole practitioner in 1989, also represented physicians and dentists in general corporate law, employment and real estate matters.

As an arbitrator, mediator, settlement conference officer and temporary judge, during the past 25 years has presided over dozens of matters involving payor-provider and provider-patient disputes, professional services agreements, physician recruitment agreements, Stark Law issues, staff privileges, malpractice suits and insurance matters.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE:

California Society for Healthcare Attorneys, Hearing Officer; AHLA Dispute Resolution Center, Arbitrator and Mediator; American Arbitration Association: Arbitrator (Commercial and Large Complex Case Panels) and Mediator; Orange County Superior Court: Civil Arbitrator, Settlement Officer, Mediator and Temporary Judge; United States District and Bankruptcy Courts for the Central District of California: Mediator.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Legal	COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL -- J.D. 1977 New York, New York
	COLUMBIA JOURNAL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW (Editor 1976-1977 and Member 1975-1977); Recognition of Achievement with Honors, Parker Program in International and Foreign Law; Columbia University International Fellow.
Undergraduate	STANFORD UNIVERSITY -- A.B. with Distinction 1973 Palo Alto, California Departmental Honors in Political Science.

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION TRAINING:

Over 600 hours of alternative dispute resolution training programs. Among the more significant programs are the following:

American Arbitration Association:

Healthcare Dispute Resolution Innovation and Strategy Conference; Advanced Training in Health Care Mediation; AAA Healthcare Payor--Provider Arbitration Rules—Orientation for AAA Healthcare Neutrals; Mediator Workshop; Basic and Advanced Training in Practice and Procedures in Commercial and Construction Arbitration

American Health Lawyers Association:

Health Care Arbitration; Arbitration and Mediation in the New Health Care Universe; Health Care Arbitration Practice Tips from Three Perspectives: The Arbitrator, In-House Counsel and Outside Defense Counsel

Association for Conflict Resolution, Harvard University—Harvard Negotiation Insight Initiative and American Arbitration Association:

Advanced Commercial Mediation Institute

California Society for Healthcare Attorneys:

CSHA Hearing Officer Training, 2017; CSHA Online Hearing Officer Training, 2012 and 2014 Update

Pepperdine University School of Law, Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution:

Advanced Mediation Practice; Basic Refresher Course and Cross-Cultural Skills in Mediation; Mediating the Litigated Case

United States District Court for the Central District of California, Annual Advanced Mediation Training Seminars